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H.B. No. 251

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the exclusion of certain resources in determining eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 33.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.021. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN RESOURCES IN DETERMINING SNAP ELIGIBILITY. In determining the eligibility of an applicant for or recertifying the eligibility of a recipient of supplemental nutrition assistance benefits, the commission may not consider as resources:

(1) any liquid resources of the applicant or recipient or a member of the applicant's or recipient's household, including the total amount of assets held in a school-based account or bond described by Section 28.0024(b)(2), Education Code, that are considered liquid resources, notwithstanding Section 33.0291(b) of this code; or

(2) any motor vehicle in which the applicant or recipient or a member of the applicant's or recipient's household has an ownership interest.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an initial determination or recertification of eligibility of a person for the supplemental nutrition assistance program under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, that is made on or after the effective date of

1 this Act.

2 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
3 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
4 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
5 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
6 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
7 waiver or authorization is granted.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.